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SUBJECT: JLP ASKS GOVERNMENT FOR PARTICULARS ON THE
PENTHOUSE ARTICLE

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1. ON NOVEMBER 15, FORMER PRIME MINISTER HUGH SHEARER
TABLED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCERNING THE GOVERNMENT'S -- AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S --
KNOWLEDGE REGARDING SEVERAL OF THE ASSERTIONS CONTAINED IN
THE PENTHOUSE ARTICLE, "MURDER AS USUAL". THE QUESTIONS
SOUGHT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS:

(A) THAT THE SECURITY FORCES HAD SEIZED 500 SUB-MACHINE
GUNS ALLEGEDLY BEING SMUGGLED INTO JAMAICA BY CIA;

(B) THAT THE SECURITY FORCES HAD SEIZED 95 AMERICAN-MADE
GUNS BEING SMUGGLED INTO JAMAICA IN A SECOND INCIDENT;

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(C) THAT CIA HAS SUBORNED JAMAICAN SECURITY PERSONNEL;

(D) THAT PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY HAD BEEN THE TARGET
OF AN ABORTIVE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT BY A UNIT OF THE JAMAICA
DEFENCE FORCE (JDF); AND

(E) THAT MANLEY HAD BEEN THE TARGET OF ANOTHER

UNSUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT EMPLOYING GUNMEN
IMPROPERLY RELEASED FROM DETENTION.

2. SHEARER'S QUESTIONS, TABLED ON BEHALF OF THE
OPPOSITION PARTY, FOLLOW A SERIES OF PRESS EDITORIALS
CALLING ON THE PRIME MINISTER TO AFFIRM OR DENY THE
ACCURACY OF VARIOUS PENTHOUSE ALLEGATIONS ON WHICH
PRESUMABLY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE FIRM KNOWLEDGE.
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